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Logging infested trees reduces beetle populations and saves timber values.

INTRODUCTION

The mountain pine beetle *Dendroctonus ponderosae* Hopk. = *D. monticolae* Hopk.¹ is an important tree killer in the Pacific Northwest. Each year this beetle kills pine trees of all ages and in some years may cause serious stand depletion. Between 1955 and 1966, a total of 4,213,600 acres of pine was infested (table 1). The estimated volume loss during this 12 year period is 485 MM board feet. About 70 percent of this mortality occurred in western white pine stands. Tree killing in lodgepole pine stands accounted for 24 percent of the loss; ponderosa pine, 6 percent; and sugar pine, less than 1 percent.

This report is intended as a reference for land managers and forest pest control personnel.

METHODS

Mountain pine beetle outbreaks in the Pacific Northwest are generally detected from the air during annual aerial survey. Each outbreak is classified either light, moderate, heavy or very heavy as determined by the number of dead trees per section, and the number of trees per group. The classification of intensity and grouping of damage per section is presented for each host in the text.

The data from 1955-1966 were compiled from the annual Forest Insect Conditions Reports. These data are summarized by host species, States, and the various reporting areas as shown on the map on the outside back cover.

The volume estimates are based upon an average size tree infested for each major host. The average board foot per acre factor was calculated by multiplying the average board foot per tree by the maximum number of dead trees per section for each intensity class and divided by 640 acres. These intensity classes are listed in the text for each host.

The four infestation maps illustrate the total number of years mountain pine beetle was active in a township between 1955 and 1966. This 12-year period was arbitrarily divided into 3 periods of 4 years each

HOSTS

The major hosts in the Pacific Northwest are lodgepole, ponderosa, western white, and sugar pines.

During epidemic conditions, a few beetles may attack another species of pine or other species such as Engelmann spruce, white fir, Douglas-fir and western hemlock. These attacks often abort or the broods seldom complete their life cycles.

¹ Wood, S. L. A revision of the bark beetle genus Dendroctonus Erichson (Coleoptera: Scolytidae). Great Basin Naturalist 23(1-2): 1-117, illus.

Table 1.—Summary of mountain pine beetle infestations by hosts in Oregon and Washington 1955-66 (In Acres)

						(In Acres)	res)							
	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total	al
													Acres	Est. Vol.bd.ft.
LODGEPOLE PINE: Oregon Washington	52,360 27,240	52,420 28,360	73,920 5,120	36,640 5,920	34,640	40,080 6,440	77,680	65,200 3,050	50,220 17,620	55,790 8,770	94,190 1,970	89,390	722,530	98,693,525 16,420,524
Sub-total	79,600	80,780	79,040	42,560	42,240	46,520	79,200	68,250	67,840	64,560	96,160	89,470	836,220	115,114,049
PONDEROSA PINE: Oregon Washington	2,060	7,440	640	2,560	4,240 6,080	14,560	16,640 1,200	3,820 1,345	32,220 1,155	42,440 13,830	109,620 31,930	54,230 21,730	290,470 82,010	25,536,932 8,965,872
Sub-total	2,060	7,440	640	2,560	10,320	19,300	17,840	5,165	33,375	56,270 141,550	141,550	75,960	372,480	34,502,804
WESTERN WHITE PINE: Oregon 12, Washington 81,	INE: 12,160 81,120	E: 12,160 34,680 29,280 81,120 130,180 102,560	29,280 102,560	32,160 190,880	59,520 153,340	31,040 210,400	114,380 291,760	73,720 349,770	67,845 410,545	92,700 175,990	72,120 127,330	71,540	691,145 2,298,285	71,929,338
Sub-total	93,280	93,280 164,860 131,840	131,840	223,040	212,860	241,440	406,140	423,490	478,390	268,690	199,450	145,950	2,989,430	334,139,426
SUGAR PINE: Oregon	0	, o	160	0	0	480	0	160	0	6,160	6,110	2,370	15,440	1,477,256
Sub-total	0	0	160	0	0	480	0	160	0	6,160	6,110	2,370	15,440	1,477,256
TOTAL: Oregon Washington	66,580	-	94,540 104,000 158,540 107,680	71,360	98,400 167,020	86,160 221,580		208,700 142,900 150,285 197,090 282,040 294,480 354,165 429,320 198,590 161,230	150,285 429,320	197,090 198,590	282,040 161,230	217,530 96,220	1,719,585 2,493,985	197,637,051 287,596,484
REGIONAL TOTAL 174,940 253,080 211,680	174,940	253,080	211,680	268,160	265,420	307,740	503,180 497,065		579,605	395,680	443,270	313,750	4,213,570	485,233,535

LODGEPOLE PINE

History

Large mountain pine beetle outbreaks developed periodically in lodgepole pine stands throughout the Pacific Northwest. The first major outbreak reported was in 1908 near Joseph, Oregon, on the Wallowa National Forest. Control was directed against this outbreak, making it the first project in the Pacific Northwest. Since that time, many other outbreaks have been reported, primarily in the Cascade Mountains in Oregon. Since 1925, extensive tree killing occurred periodically in and near Crater Lake National Park. A large outbreak was detected on the Deschutes National Forest between Wanoga Butte and Swampy Lakes in the late 1940's. This outbreak did not subside until the late 1950's. The most recent outbreak developed on the Fremont and Winema National Forests near Bald Mountain Lookout in 1962 and losses are still occurring.

Damage Classification

The intensity classification and the estimated board foot per acre used when mapping mountain pine beetle infestations in lodgepole pine during aerial surveys is:

Infestation intensity	Trees per section	Trees per group	Estimated volume loss
		ıber — —	Bd. ft./acre
Light	50-350	50 or less	31.7
Moderate	350-1,000	200 or less	90.6
Heavy	1,000-2,600	400 or less	235.6
Very heavy	2,600 or more	400 and over	1,161.8

Location of Damage

Most of the damage in the Pacific Northwest has occurred east of the Cascade Mountains (map 1). From 1955 through 1966 a total of 836,220 acres of lodgepole pine was reported infested with an estimated loss of over 115 MM board feet (tables 2 and 3). Eighty-eight percent of the Regional losses occurred in Oregon (figure 1-1). Eighty-two percent of the damage in Oregon was centered on the Deschutes, Fremont, and Winema National Forests (figures 1-2, 1-3). The heaviest tree killing on the Deschutes National Forest occurred in 1955 near Wanoga Butte and again in 1965 near Bearwallow Butte. Heaviest losses on the Fremont National Forest have been in the vicinity of Bald Mountain and Slide Mountain. For the Winema National Forest, the heaviest tree mortality occurred in the Cottonwood drainage and near Teatable Mountain.

Tree killing in Washington has been moderate. About 71 percent of the damage occurred on the Wenatchee, Colville, and Okanogan National Forests (figures 1-4, 1-5). Significant losses also occurred on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Yakima Indian Reservation.

Control Measures

Chemicals have not been recommended for controlling mountain pine beetle in lodgepole pine stands in Region 6. Logging is the only practical method for control. This includes removing all merchantable infested and noninfested trees to as small a diameter as economically possible. The sale area should cover a sufficiently large geographic area so as to completely alter the beetle breeding site inside and outside the existing infestation boundary.

Mountain pine beetle outbreaks in lodgepole pine can be kept to a minimum by maintaining a vigorous healthy stand. This is usually done by shortening the rotation. Many lodgepole pine stands become susceptible to attack at age 80. To help reduce future losses, it is suggested that foresters determine the age of their lodgepole pine stands and log the oldest stands first.

Table 2.—Trend of mountain pine beetle infestations in lodgepole pine in Oregon and Washington by reporting area

1955-66

(In Acres)

					(III AC.	res)							
Reporting Area ¹	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
Oregon:										0.400	44.000	40.400	150 450
Deschutes N.F.	26,080	12,680	30,880	13,760	2,800	3,520	,	17,730					158,450
Fremont N.F.	5,600	13,100	17,440	9,120	10,400	20,120		,	13,390	21,950	,	/	240,000
Malheur N.F.	2,440	5,600	2,720	160	1,280	440	960	1,450	610	2,060	8,410	4,540	30,670
Ochoco N.F.				~ -				10			40		50
Rogue River N.F.	6,720	8,480	3,200	3,680	4,800	2,880		640	360	1,100		180	32,040
Siskiyou N.F.										190	80	30	300
Umatilla N.F.	480	960		320	1,120	240		60	2,025	530	140	670	6,545
Umpqua N.F.	1,920	160	320				2,400	200	2,190	160		200	7,550
Wallowa-Whitman N.F	960	5,600	160	640	2,560	40	160	1,160	2,640	1,440	3,130	4,230	22,720
Willamette N.F.	,	400	** **		1,600				355	160			2,515
Winema N.F.	8,160	4,160	18,880	7,040	5,760	9,840	31,960	,	17,055	17,100	21,560	29,650	191,555
Crater Lake N.P.		1,280		960	3,520	3,000	6,400	5,440	1,180	2,000	1,800	1,030	26,610
Warm Springs I.R.			320	960	800		1,360		85				3,525
Sub-total	52,360	52,420	73,920	36,640	34,640	40,080	77,680	65,200	50,220	55,790	94,190	89,390	722,530
Washington:													
Colville N.F.						2,800	··· ~	1,720	4,360	3,540			12,420
Gifford Pinchot N.F.									8,960	880			9,840
Kaniksu N.F.						480		10	600				1,090
Okanogan N.F.	640	3,360	480	640	1,120	960	240	390	1,200	2,170	440		11,64 0
Olympic N.F.		320							680		80		1,080
Snoqualmie N.F.	1,280	2,240											3,520
Umatilla N.F.	320	~-		1,600	640			10	195		50		2,815
Wenatchee N.F.	21,760	20,480	2,080	3,040	3,840	1,120	640	800	390	1,800	840		56, 790
Colville I.R.	800	520	800	480	1,680	480	640	120	480	180			6,1 80
Spokane I.R.						120							120
Yakima I.R.	2,240	1,440	1,760	160	320	480			755	200	560	80	7,995
Glenwood Dist.	200												200
Sub-total	27,240	28,360	5,120	5,920	7,600	6,440	1,520	3,050	17,620	8,770	1,970	80	113,690

¹ N.F., National Forest; I.R., Indian Reservation; N.P., National Park; District, State ownership.

Table 3.—Extent and estimated volume of lodgepole pine killed by the mountain pine beetle in Oregon and Washington by reporting unit 1955-661

Reporting Area ²	L	ight	Mod	erate	Hea	avy	Very	Heavy	T	otal
	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume
Oregon:										
Deschutes N.F.	71,600	2,269,720	46,600	4,221,960	32,330	7,616,948	7,920	9,201,456	158,450	23,310,08
Fremont N.F.	110,480	3,502,216	68,160	6,175,296	40,900	9,636,040	20,460	23,770,428	240,000	43,083,98
Malheur N.F.	12,180	386,106	8,220	744,732	8,165	1,923,674	2,105	2,445,589	30,670	5,500,10
Ochoco N.F.	40	1,268			10	2,356			50	3,62
Rogue River N.F.	16,200	513,540	7,520	681,312	5,120	1,206,272	3,200	3,717,760	32,040	6,118,88
Siskiyou N.F.	300	9,510							300	9,51
Umatilla N.F.	4,350	137,895	2,035	184,371	160	37,696			6,545	359,96
Umpqua N.F.	3,970	125,849	2,840	257,304	180	42,408	560	650,608	7,550	1,076,16
Wallowa-Whitman N.l	F. 11,255	356,784	7,625	690,825	3,515	828,134	325	377,585	22,720	2,253,32
Willamette N.F.	1,795	56,902	560	50,736			160	185,888	2,515	293,52
Winema N.F.	132,050	4,185,985	43,075	3,902,595	12,840	3,025,104	3,590	4,170,862		15,284,54
Crater Lake N.P.	23,100	732,270	3,510	318,006					26,610	1,050,27
Warm Springs I.R.	2,245	71,167	160	14,496	1,120	263,872			3,525	349,53
Sub-total	389,565	12,349,212	190,305	17,241,633	104,340	24,582,504	38,320	44,520,176	722,530	98,693,52
Washington:										
Colville N.F.	3,670	116,339	2,610	236,466	4,900	1,154,440	1,240	1,440,632	12,420	2,947,87
Gifford Pinchot N.F.	5,360	169,912	840	76,104	3,640	857,584			9,840	1,103,60
Kaniksu N.F.	770	24,409	320	28,992					1,090	53,40
Okanogan N.F.	7,450	236,165	2,990	270,894	1,200	282,720			11,640	789,77
Olympic N.F.	240	7,608	840	76,104					1,080	83,71
Snoqualmie N.F.	1,760	55,792	480	43,488	1,280	301,568			3,520	400,84
Umatilla N.F.	565	17,911	2,240	202,944	10	2,356			2,815	223,21
Wenatchee N.F.	19,865	629,721	21,945	1,988,217	11,620	2,737,672	3,360	3,903,648	56,790	9,259,25
Colville I.R.	2,080	65,936	2,500	226,500	1,600	376,960			6,180	669,39
Spokane I.R.	120	3,804							120	3,80
Yakima I.R.	1,915	60,706	5,000	453,000	960	226,176	120	139,416	7,995	879,29
Glenwood Dist.	200	6,340							200	6,34
Sub-total	43,995	1,394,643	39,765	3,602,709	25,210	5,939,476	4,720	5,483,696	113,690	16,420,52
Regional Total	433 560	13.743.855	230,070	20,844,342	129,550	30,521,980	43,040	50,003,872	836,220	115,114,04

¹ Estimated average tree: 10 in. d.b.h.; 55 ft. tall; 58 bd. ft./tree.
² N.F., National Forest; N.P., National Park; I.R., Indian Reservation; District, State ownership.

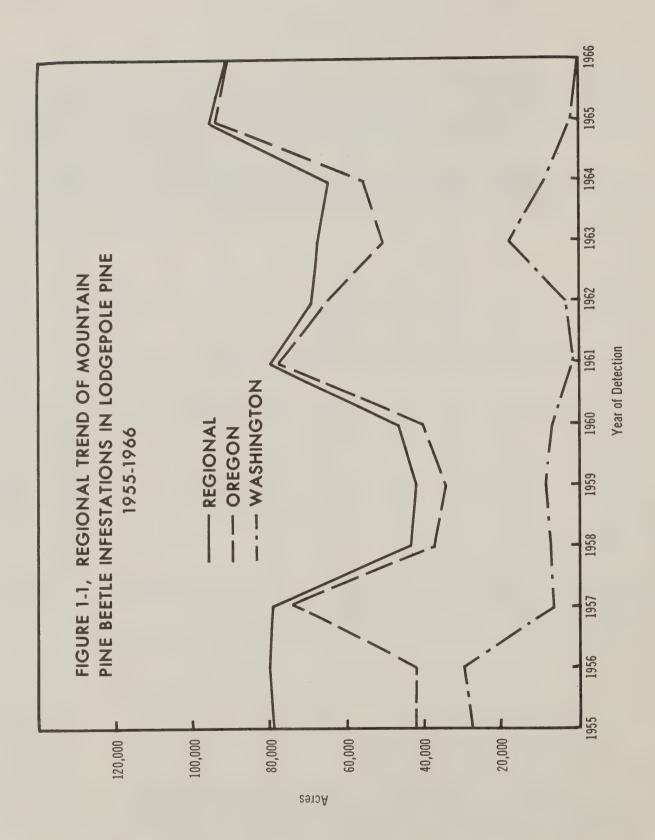


FIGURE 1-2, OREGON LANDS

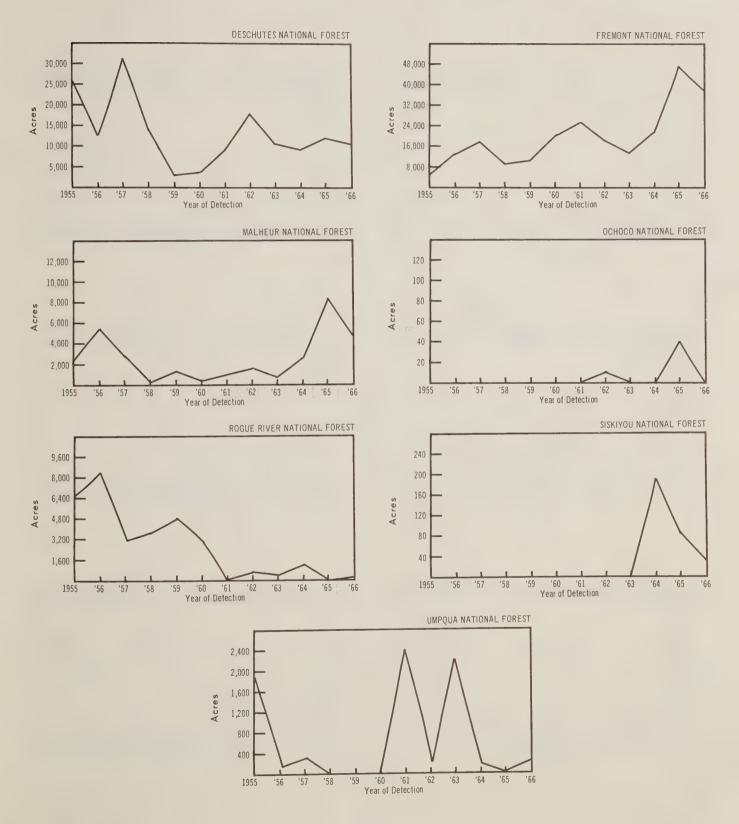
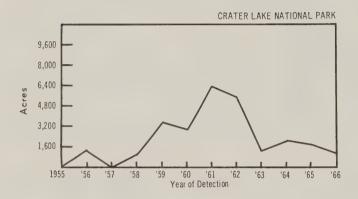
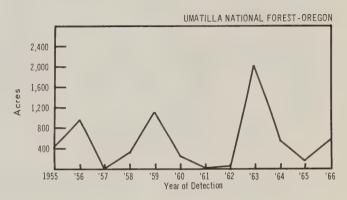
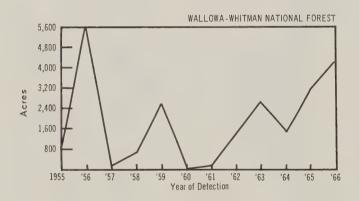
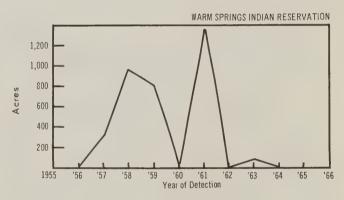


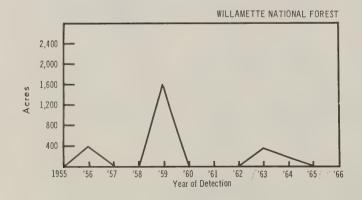
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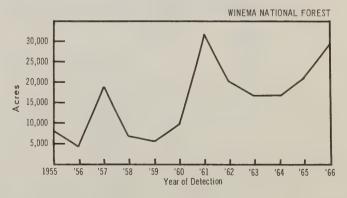
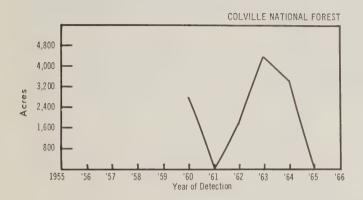
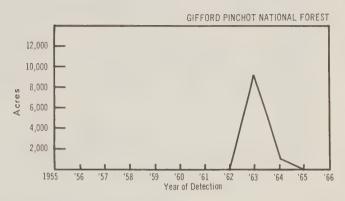
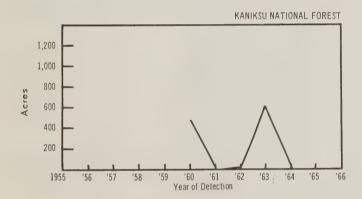
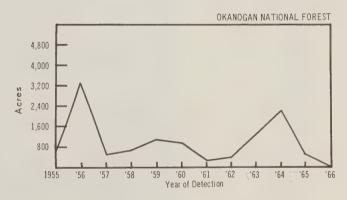


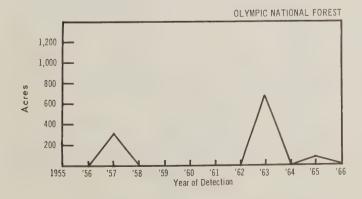
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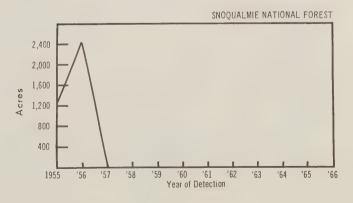
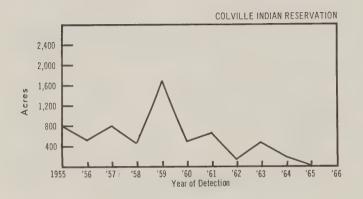
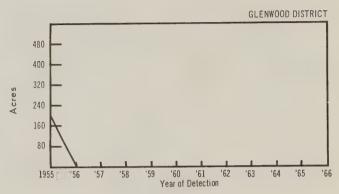
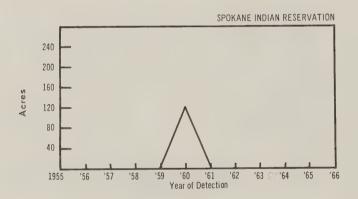
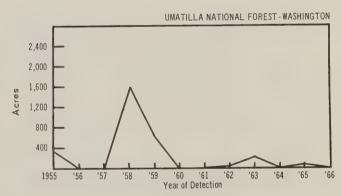


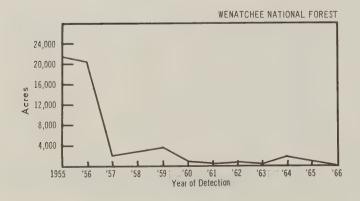
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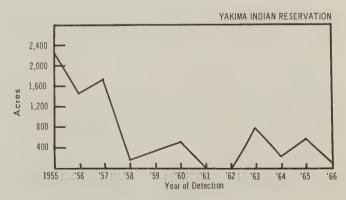












PONDEROSA PINE

History

The mountain pine beetle is a pest of second-growth ponderosa pine, particularly dense, stagnated, pole-size stands. The first major outbreak on record in the Northwest occurred in 1908 near Sumpter, Oregon on the Whitman National Forest. Control was attempted in 1910. This was the first cooperative control project between State and Federal Governments in the Northwest. Thousands of trees were felled, peeled, and either exposed to the sun or burned to kill the broods. Since that time no control efforts were undertaken until 1960 when several thousand trees on the Fremont National Forest were sprayed with ethylene dibromide. Another outbreak occurred in Sumpter Valley on the Wallowa-Whitman N.F. in 1964 and the fell, pile, and burn method was used to reduce the beetle population.



Mountain pine beetle infestation in an overstocked young ponderosa pine stand.

Damage Classification

The intensity classifications and the estimated board foot per acre used to map mountain pine beetle outbreaks in pole-size ponderosa pine stands during aerial surveys follows:

Trees per section	Trees per group	Estimated volume loss
Num	ber — —	Bd. ft./acre
50-350	50 or less	27.3
350-1,000	200 or less	78.1
*	400 or less	203.1
2,000 or more	400 and over	750.0
	— — Num 50-350 350-1,000 1,000-2,600	section group — Number — — 50-350 50 or less 350-1,000 200 or less 1,000-2,600 400 or less

Location of Damage

Most of the tree killing in the Northwest has occurred in the Blue Mountains in eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington (map 2). Between 1955 and 1966 a total of 372,485 acres was infested with an estimated loss of 34.5 MM board feet (tables 4 and 5, figure 2-1). Over 77 percent of the Regional losses occurred in Oregon. Seventy-eight percent of the damage in Oregon was centered on the Wallowa-Whitman, Fremont, and Malheur National Forests (figures 2-2, 2-3).



Mountain pine egg galleries on an infested ponderosa pine.



Overstocked second-growth ponderosa pine stands such as this are potential breeding sites for the mountain pine beetle.

Results of a ground survey on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in a 10-year-old mountain pine beetle infestation showed growth had been set back 30 years.² In this outbreak a reduction in stand density, basal area, and average tree diameter had occurred. In some areas the stand has become either grossly understocked or completely converted from a ponderosa pine type to a fir-larch type.

In Washington, 45 percent of the losses were located on the Okanogan National Forest (tables 4 and 5, figure 2-4). Significant tree killing also occurred on the Yakima and Colville Indian Reservations (figure 2-5).

² Wortendyke, John. Appraisal of mountain pine beetle-caused tree mortality in a young ponderosa pine stand on the Wallowa Whitman National Forest. Portland, Oregon, U.S. Forest Service. 13pp. 1968.

Control Measures

If direct control is required, the fell, pile, and burn method is recommended. However, this method is only a stopgap measure. The stand is protected only for a short duration of time, usually less than 5 years. Beetle activity is a result of overstocking. Stand density must be reduced before any "beetle proofing" can be attained. The amount of reduction necessary depends upon age, site, and degree of stocking.



The fell, pile, and burn method — a "stopgap" measure for controlling the mountain pine beetle.

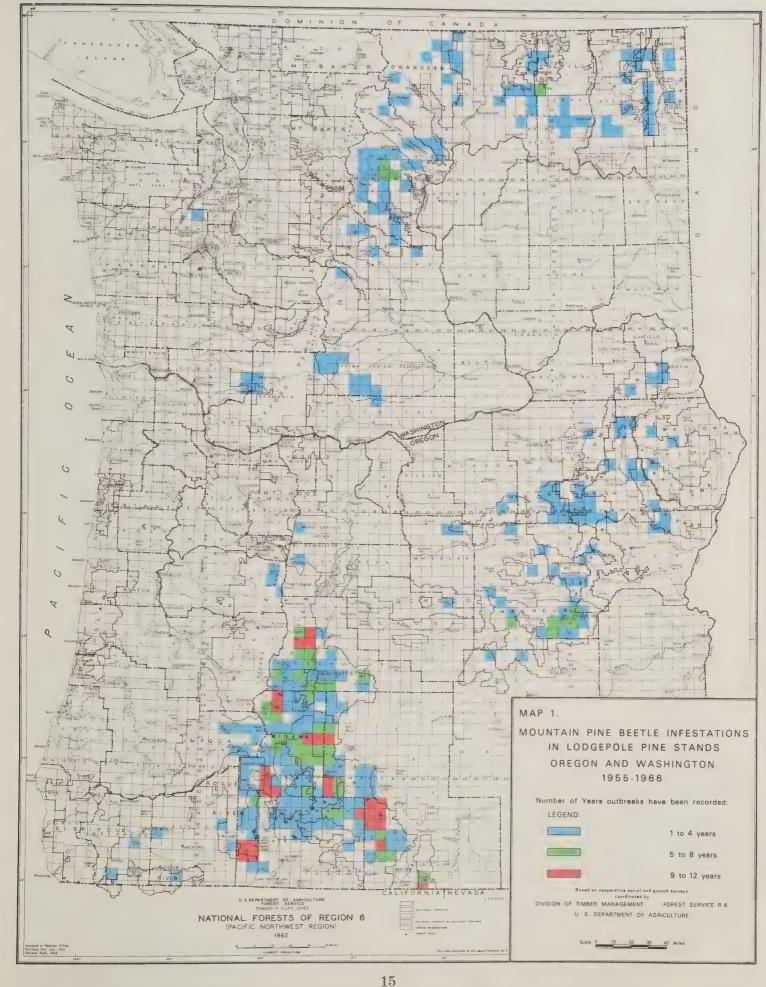
It appears that most potential mountain pine beetle outbreaks in dense, second-growth ponderosa pine can be prevented through precommercial and commercial thinnings. Proper silvicultural methods that reduce basal area to 60 percent of normal are necessary since fast growing healthy trees do not readily attract mountain pine beetle.³

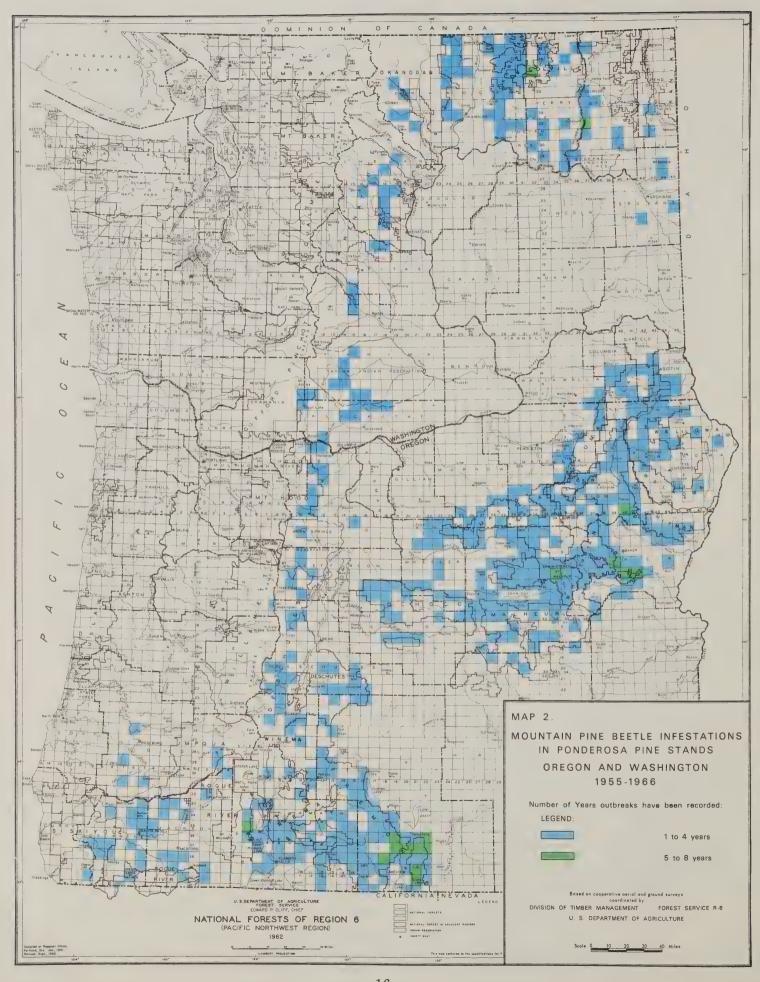
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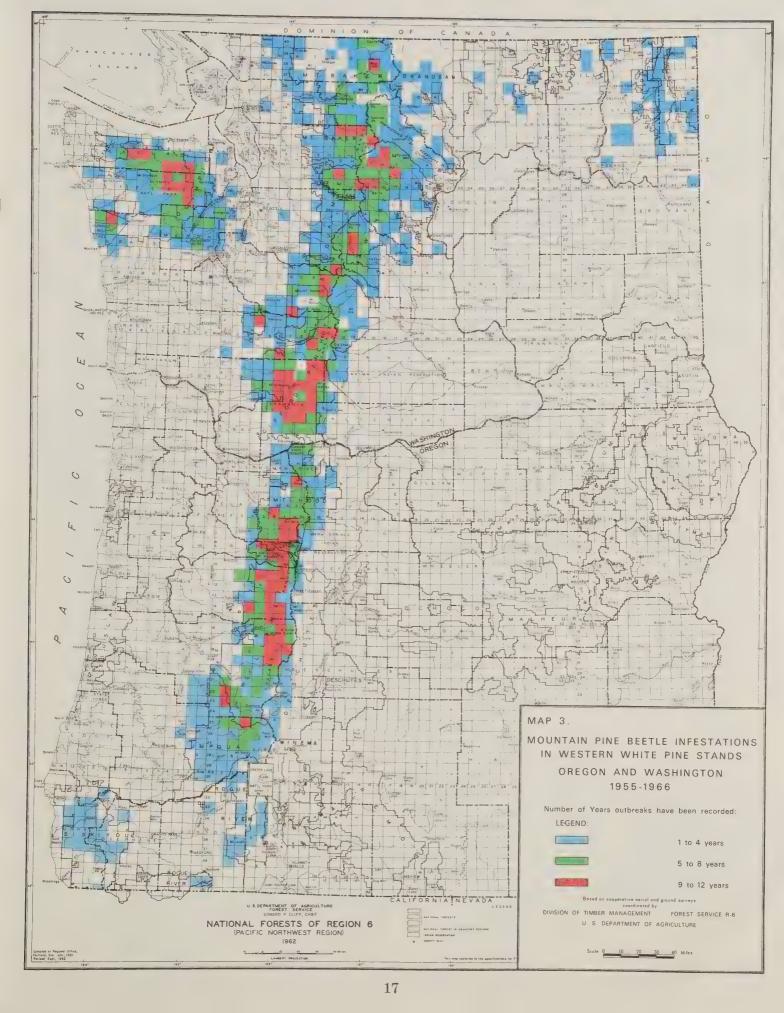
Table 4.—Trend of mountain pine beetle infestations in ponderosa pine in Oregon and Washington by reporting area 1955-66
(In Acres)

Reporting Area ¹													
Teoporesso tarres	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
Oregon:										100	0.550	1 000	40.00
Deschutes N.F.	480	640		1,760		2,560	640		275	120	2,550	1,000	10,025
Fremont N.F.	160	240	160	480	3,440	5,080		1,380	4,965	2,920	16,740	8,150	45,155
Malheur N.F.						1,240	480	280	1,760	6,730	29,170	4,040	43,700
Mt. Hood N.F.						280				30	50	900	1,260
Rogue River N.F.		1,280				320	960	1,200	940	1,840	170	370	7,080
Siskiyou N.F.										1,600	1,290	260	3,150
Umpqua N.F.		960							830		120	200	2,110
Umatilla N.F.					160	320	1,200	50	3,085	4,680	3,140	1,460	14,095
Wallowa-Whitman N.F.	620	3,360	480		480	4,320	11,520	910	18,685	21,400	48,410	28,480	138,665
Winema N.F.		960	***	320					155	910	4,910	5,590	12,845
Crater Lake N.P.										200			200
Warm Springs I.R.	800				160	240	400		160	70		320	2,150
Umatilla I.R.										- 80	20	80	180
Central Oregon Dist.									665	520	680	2,510	4,375
Coos-Douglas Dist.												240	240
Ochoco N.F.						200	usan mag		700	1,340	2,370	630	5,240
Sub-total	2,060	7,440	640	2,560	4,240	14,560	16,640	3,820	32,220	42,440	109,620	54,230	290,470
Washington:													
Gifford Pinchot N.F.						1,440	80			160			1,680
Colville N.F.						·	320	160	200	2,530	3,280	2,080	8,570
Kaniksu N.F.					-	200							200
Okanogan N.F.					3,040					6,480	15,400	12,040	36,960
Snoqualmie N.F.						200					280		480
Umatilla N.F.						640		185	435	1,270	4,280	1,030	7,840
Wenatchee N.F.					800	1,360	160		520	120	580	860	4,400
Colville I.R.					1,120	320	480			2,070	1,010	4,000	9,000
Spokane I.R.										·	280	200	480
Yakima I.R.					640	180		960		680	6,780	720	9,960
Glenwood Dist.					480			40		520	40	560	1,640
						400	160					240	800
Northeast Washington													
Northeast Washington Sub-total	0	0	0	0	6,080	4,740	1,200	1,345	1,155	13,830	31,930	21,730	82,01

¹ N.F., National Forest; N.P., National Park; I.R., Indian Reservation; District, State ownership.







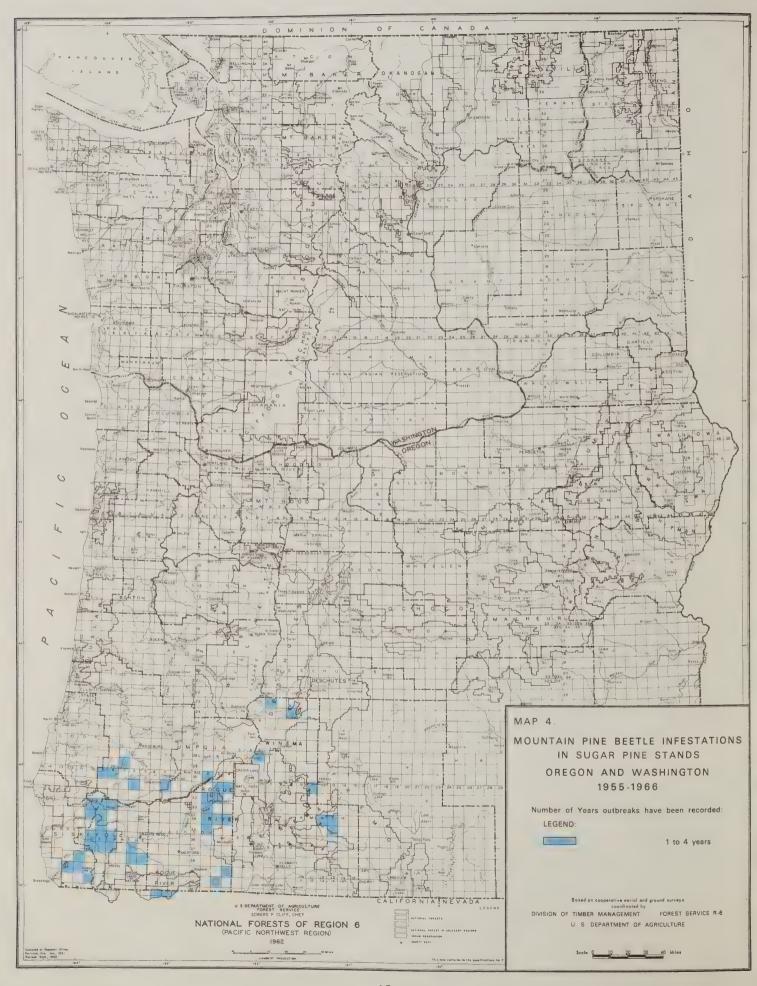


Table 5.—Extent and estimated volume of ponderosa pine killed by the mountain pine beetle in Oregon and Washington by reporting unit 1955-661

Reporting Area ²	L	ight	Mod	derate	Н	eavy	Very	Heavy	Т	otal
	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume
Oregon:										
Deschutes N.F.	8,105	221,267	1,560	121,836	360	73,116			10,025	416,21
Fremont N.F.	19,665	536,855	19,375	1,513,188	5,155		960	720,000	45,155	3,817,02
Malheur N.F.	30,495	832,514	8,845	690,795	4,360	885,516			43,700	2,408,82
Mt. Hood N.F.	630	17,199	270	21,087	360	73,116			1,260	111,40
Ochoco N.F.	5,240	143,052				·			5,240	143,055
Rogue River N.F.	4,760	129,948	2,080	162,448	160	32,496	80	60,000	7,080	384,892
Siskiyou N.F.	3,030	82,719	120	9,372					3,150	92,09
Umpqua N.F.	910	24,843	1,200	93,720					2,110	118,565
Wallowa-Whitman N.F.	72,130	1,969,149	38,220	2,984,982	17,735	3,601,979	10,580	7,935,000	138,665	16,491,110
Umatilla N.F.	12,005	327,737	2,090	163,229	·		, 		14,095	490,960
Winema N.F.	9,865	269,315	2,120	165,572	620	125,922	240	180,000	12,845	740,809
Crater Lake N.P.	200	5,460	an an						200	5,460
Warm Springs I.R.	710	19,383	1,440	112,464					2,150	131,84
Central Oregon Dist.	3,415	93,230	920	71,852	40	8,124			4,375	173,206
Coos-Douglas Dist.	240	6,552							240	6,552
Umatilla I.R.	180	4,914							180	4,914
Sub-total	171,580	4,684,137	78,240	6,110,545	28,790	5,847,250	11,860	8,895,000	290,470	25,536,932
Washington:										
Gifford Pinchot N.F.	1,680	45,864		~-	***				1,680	45,864
Colville N.F.	2,770	75,621	1,700	132,770	2,980	605,238	1,120	840,000	8,570	1,653,629
Kaniksu N.F.	200	5,460						·	200	5,460
Okanogan N.F.	13,240	361,452	14,690	1,147,289	6,560	1,332,336	2,470	1,852,500	36,960	4,693,57
Snoqualmie N.F.	200	5,460	280	21,868					480	27,328
Umatilla N.F.	7,250	197,925	590	46,079					7,840	244,004
Wenatchee N.F.	2,480	67,704	440	34,364	1,120	227,472	360	270,000	4,400	599,540
Colville I.R.	5,570	152,061	2,600	203,060	590	119,829	240	180,000	9,000	654,950
Spokane I.R.	480	13,104							480	13,104
Yakima I.R.	3,860	105,378	4,940	385,814	760	154,356	400	300,000	9,960	945,548
Glenwood Dist.	1,640	44,772							1,640	44,772
Northeast Dist.	480	13,104	320	24,992					800	38,090
Sub-total	39,850	1,087,905	25,560	1,996,236	12,010	2,439,231	4,590	3,442,500	82,010	8,965,872
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¹ Estimated average tree: 9 in. d.b.h.; 50 ft. tall; 50 bd. ft. ² N.F., National Forest; N.P., National Park; I.R., Indian Reservation; Dist., State ownership.

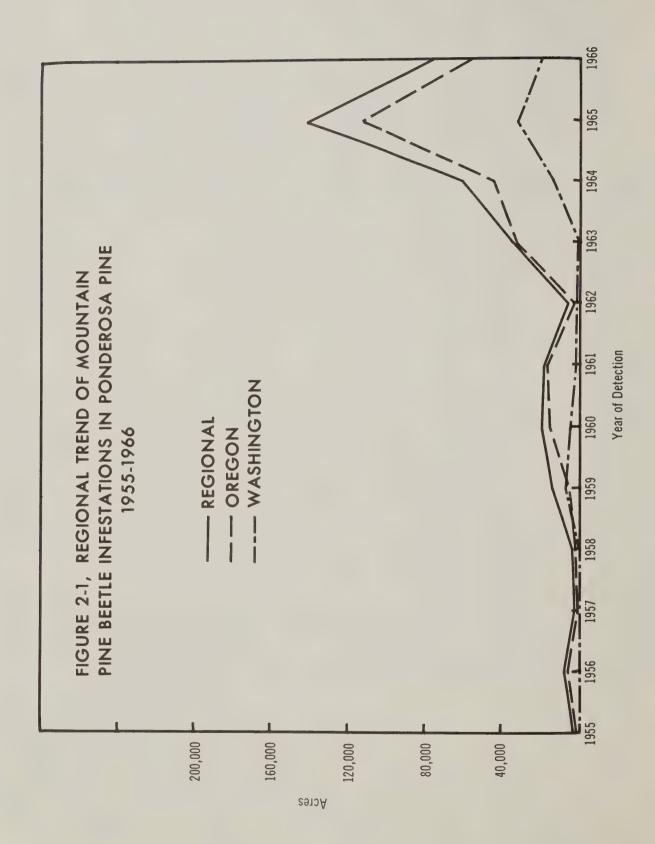


FIGURE 2-2, OREGON LANDS

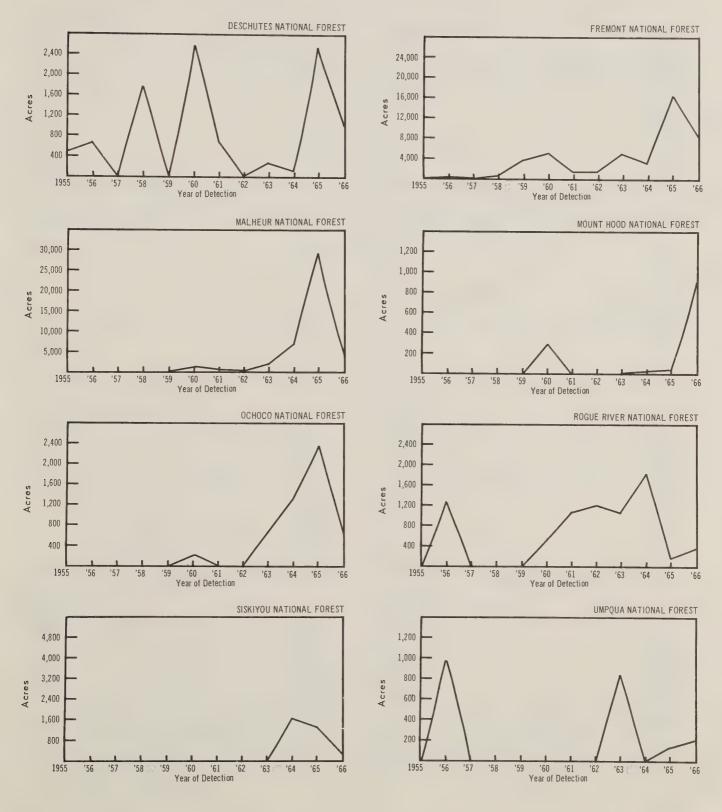


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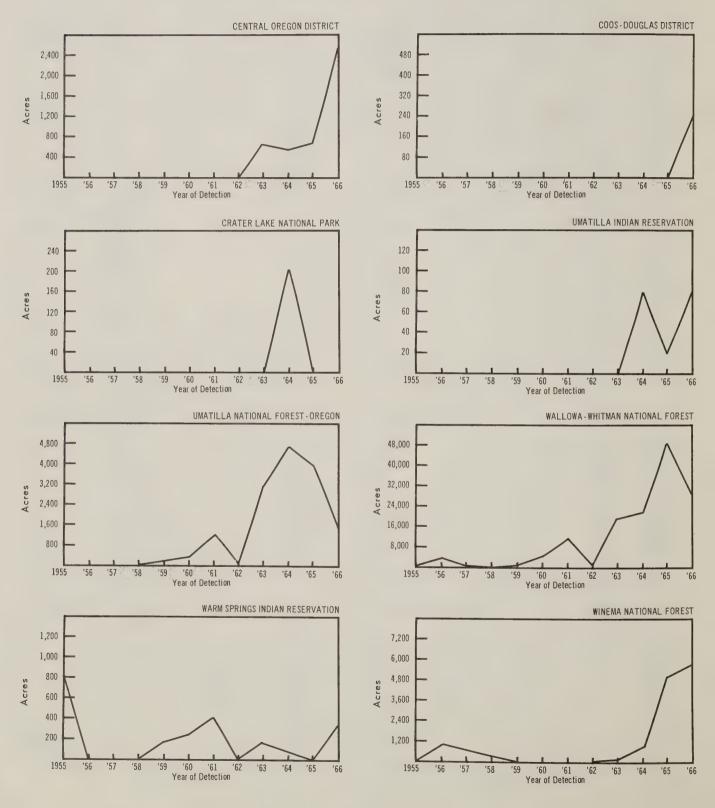
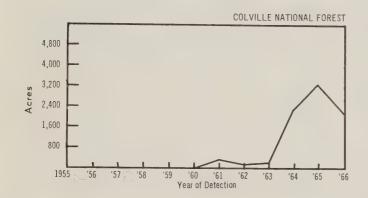
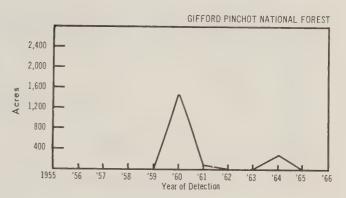
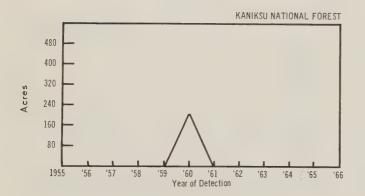
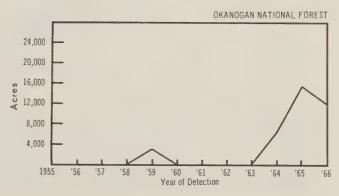


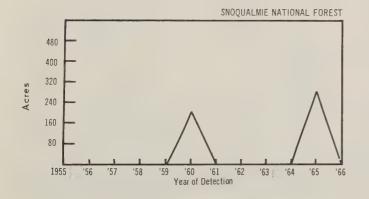
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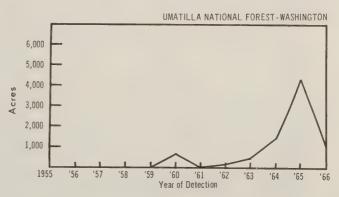
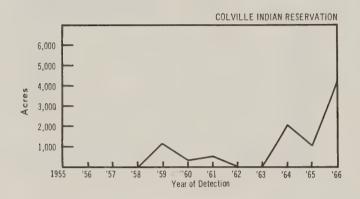
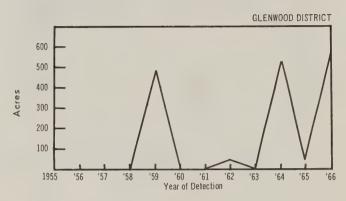
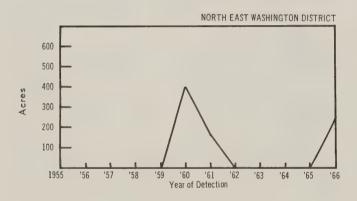
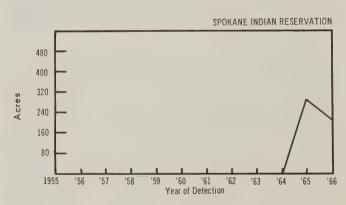


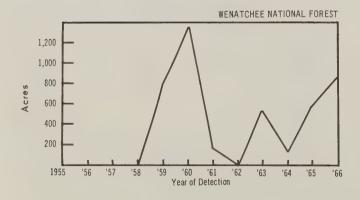
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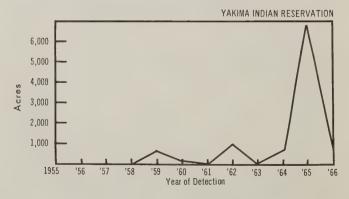












WESTERN WHITE PINE

History

The mountain pine beetle is a serious pest of mature and overmature western white pine stands. It has killed large volumes of white pine, particularly in the Cascade Mountains. Such losses have been of special concern in Mount Rainier National Park where direct control was tried during the late 1920's.

Damage Classification

The intensity classification used when mapping mountain pine beetle infestations in western white pine during aerial surveys follows:

Infestation intensity	Trees per section	Trees per group	Estimated volume loss
	— — Nun	ıber — —	Bd. ft./acre
Light	20-50	5 or less	39.1
Moderate	50-150	15 or less	117.2
Heavy	150-300	30 or less	234.4
Very heavy	300 or more	30 and more	709.3

Location of Damage

Since 1955 the mountain pine beetle has destroyed the western white pine on nearly 3 million acres. Most of this loss occurred in overmature stands (map 3, table 6). The estimated volume loss during this 12-year period is nearly 334 MM board feet (table 7). Regionwide, 77 percent of the tree killing occurred in Washington with two-thirds of this loss located on the Olympic National Park and the Gifford Pinchot and Wenatchee National Forests (table 7, figures 3-1, 3-4). Significant losses also occurred on the Mount Baker and Snoqualmie National Forests (figure 3-4).

In Oregon, 88 percent of the State's losses occurred on the Mount Hood and Willamette National Forests (figures 3-2, 3-3). Lesser damage was found on the Umpqua and Siskiyou National Forests.

Control Measures

In most instances the mountain pine beetle problem in western white pine stands can be kept at a minimum with shorter rotations. Young thrifty trees are fairly resistant, but in older stands this beetle is usually present in endemic form causing an annual loss. Direct control has not been considered practical in the Northwest due to the prevalence of white pine blister rust. This rust has infected many western white pine stands in the Cascade Mountains in both States and has caused tree mortality. Control efforts against the mountain pine beetle have been limited to salvaging all accessible, merchantable infested and noninfested trees in the outbreak centers.

Table 6.—Trend of mountain pine beetle infestations in western white pine in Oregon and Washington by reporting area 1955-66 (In Acres)

						(In Acres,	(8)						
Reporting Area	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
Oregon:												ć	5
Deschutes N.F.	1	-	-	1	-	-	3,040	1	1,525	1,640	230	30	6,465
Fremont N.F.	1	-	I I	Ī	1	1	1	1	-	1	1 1	100	001
Mt. Hood N.F.	6,720	20,580	4,640	7,040	28,480	11,720	29,000	33,240	39,770	36,820	27,810	7,720	253,540
Rogue River N.F.	-	1		1	-	1	I	1	I	190	920	480	1,590
Siskivou N.F.	1	1	!	-	-	1	160	1	1	4,340	1,680	2,660	11,840
A N welsting		160			1		1	1		1	1	1	160
Handillo N F	1	400	320	1.120	1.600	720	14.080	7,760	3,355	6,070	2,920	21,130	59,475
Willsmotte N F	4 960	13 540	94 320 -	24.000	29.440	18,600	68,100	32,560	22,500	43,440	38,240	34,750	354,450
Windmood N F	200062	220621							615		240	1	855
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Crater Lake N.F.	1	-	1		1		1		1	1	-	4,000	0001
Coos-Douglas Dist.	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	!	F	1 (1 0	00	000
Warm Sprgs. I.R.	480	-	1	1		1	-	160	80	200	80	}	1,000
Sub-total	12,160	34,680	29,280	32,160	59,520	31,040	114,380	73,720	67,845	92,700	72,120	71,540	691,145
Washington:							160			008.8	. 086 6	4 890	17.990
Colville N.F.		1	1	1	1	40	TOOT	1	1	00000	0016		0001000
Gif. Pinchot N.F. 36,800	36,800	71,040	55,840	59,680	76,400	109,920	164,520	140,370	98,330	31,300	12,870	3,720	860,790
Kaniksu N.F.						240	1	940	1,290	10,440	3,480	2,120	18,510
M+ Raker N F	19 520	94.900	14.880	29.280	21.600	6.040	20.200	25,540	43,060	4,270	1,440	8,320	219,050
Okonogon N F	01000		160			6.560		250	1,005	130	840	1,560	10,505
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Shoqualmie IN.F.	0000	10,140	001,01	15 960	17 440	43,600	94.360	34.480	79 285	20,640	40,520	21.640	314,605
Wenduchee N.F.	0,000	4,020	0,000	10000	0.50	0000	9 960	7.00	0 740	4 940	1 920	880	36,655
Mt. Kainier N.F.	2,080	2,740	040	1,920	900	920	0,000	000,00	114 600	5,240 E7 970	96 940	19 980	413 030
Olympic N.P.	096	2,640	3,840	24,800	16,400	19,440	46,160	87,000	114,000	017,16	076,07	12,300	410,000
Spokane I.R.	1	1 1	1	1	1	}	1	1	1	-	1	240	240
Yakima I.R.	640	1	1	1	l l	1	1	320	535	1,040	2,920	1,920	7,375
Quinault I.R.		1.600	480	4,480	7,040	3,360	4,800	2,560	7,040	2,180	5,320	4,750	43,610
Clenwood Dist							160	!	1	-	1,160	1	1,320
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Sub-total	81,120	130,180	102,560	190,880	153,340	210,400	291,760	349,770	410,545	175,990	127,330	74,410	2,298,285
Regional Total	93,280	164,860	131,840	223,040	212,860	241,440	406,140	423,490	478,390	268,690	199,450	145,950	2,989,430
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Table 7.—Extent and estimated volume of western white pine killed by the mountain pine beetle in Oregon and Washington by reporting unit 1955-661

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¹ Estimated average tree: 20 in. d.b.h.; 80 ft. tall; 500 bd. ft./tree.
² N.F., National Forest; N.P., National Park; I.R., Indian Reservation; Dist., State ownership.

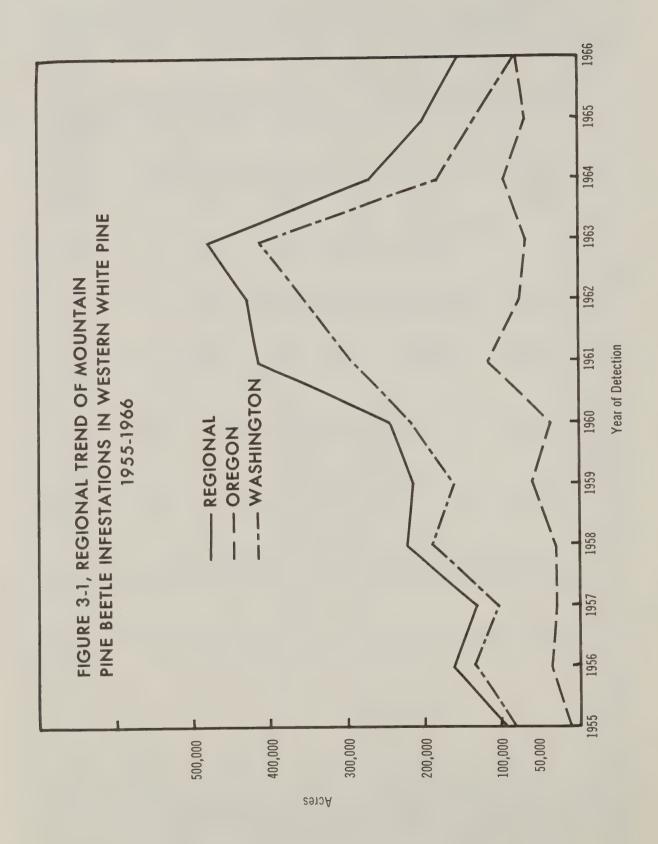
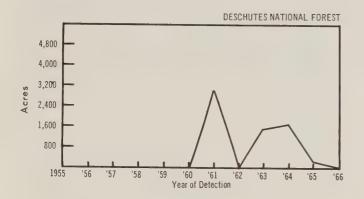
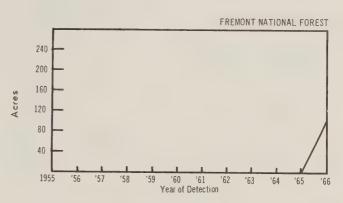
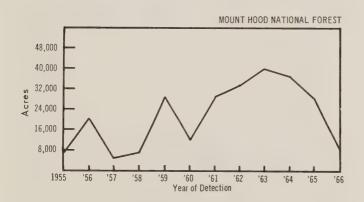
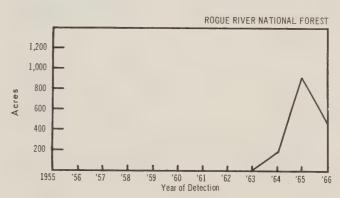


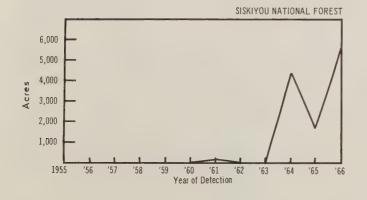
FIGURE 3-2, OREGON LANDS











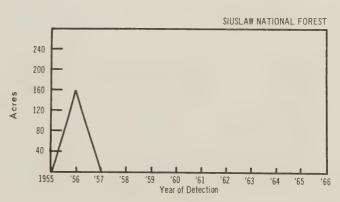
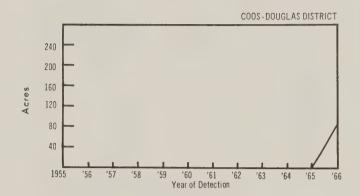
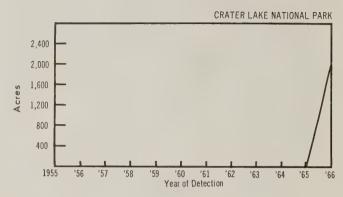
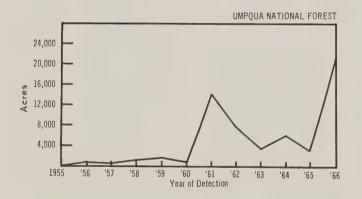
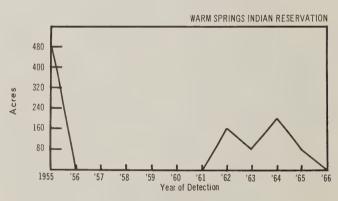


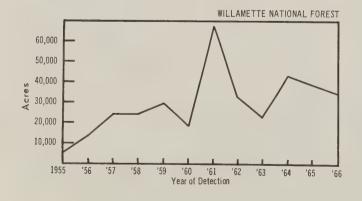
FIGURE 3-3, OREGON LANDS











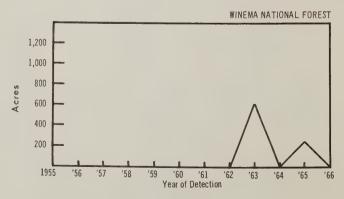


FIGURE 3-4, WASHINGTON LANDS

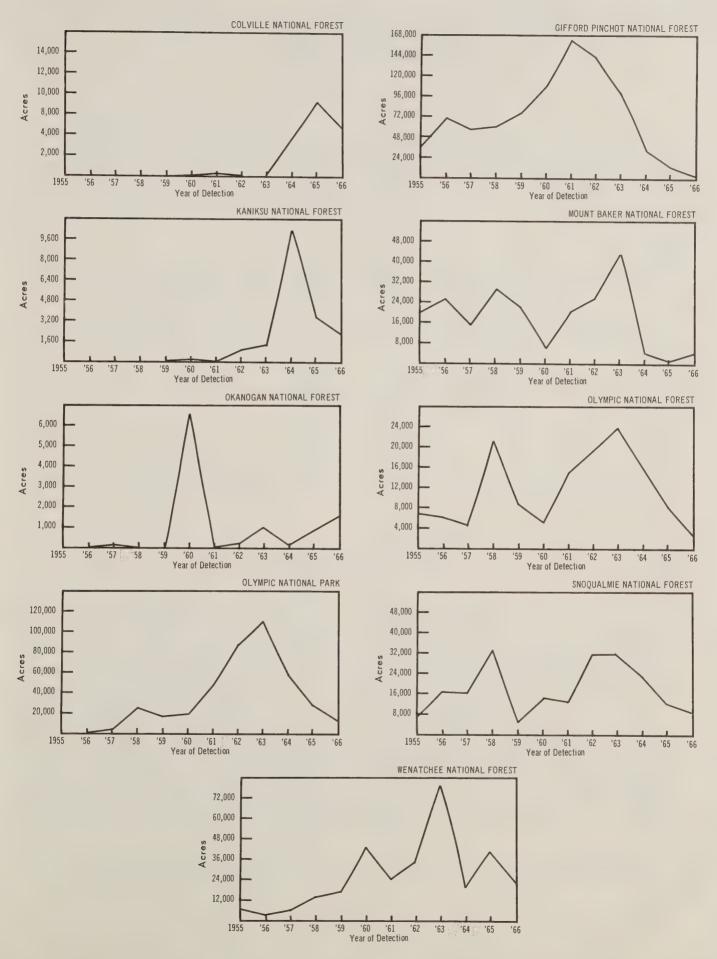
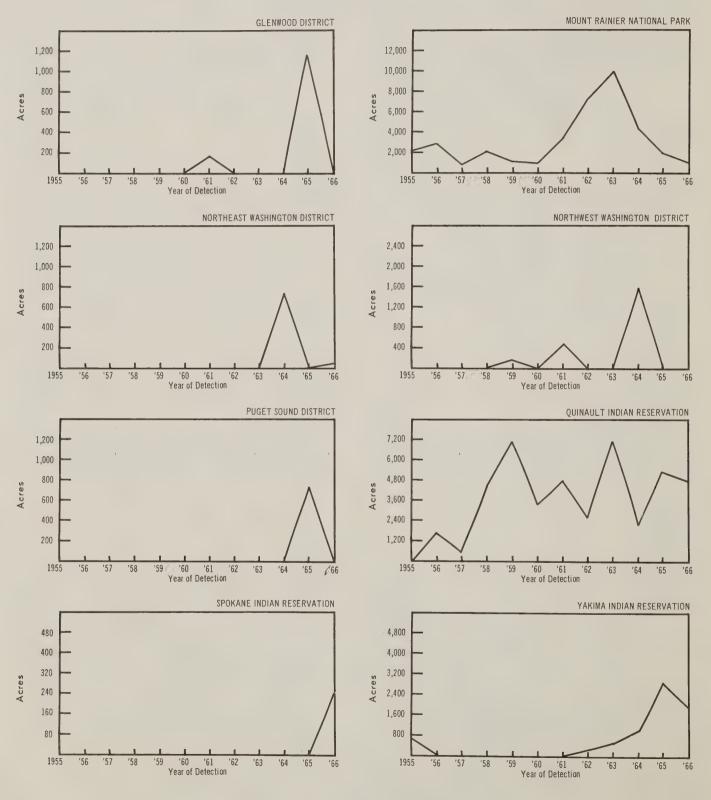


FIGURE 3-5, WASHINGTON LANDS



SUGAR PINE

History

Sugar pine stands are limited in the Northwest. Its range extends north from Baja, California, to Clackamas and Jefferson Counties in Oregon. No serious mountain pine beetle outbreak has occurred in the Pacific Northwest. Most of the damage has been endemic and the few outbreaks that occurred were short lived.

Damage Classification

The intensity classification used for mapping bark beetle damage in sugar pine stands during aerial detection surveys follows:

Infestation intensity	Trees per section	Trees per group	Estimated volume loss		
	— — Num	Bd. ft./acre			
Light	20-50	5 or less	49.6		
Moderate	50-100	10 or less	186.3		
Heavy	100-200	20 or less	0.0^{1}		
Very heavy	200 or more	20 and over	0.0		

¹ Data not available for estimating board foot loss.

Location of Damage

The mountain pine beetle kills mature and overmature sugar pine each year. Generally losses are very light and never reported. During the period 1955-1966, tree killing was not reported for 6 different years (table 8). The estimated volume killed during this 12-year period was 148 MM board feet (table 9). Although epidemic losses were reported during the remaining 6 years, 95 percent of damage occurred after 1963 (figure 4-1). Most of the tree killing was in southwest Oregon on the Coos-Douglas District, Bureau of Land Management, and the Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests (map 5, figure 4-2).

The sudden surge of tree killing reported in 1964 may be directly related to the 1962 October windstorm. This storm damaged many trees throughout southwest Oregon and these trees provided the ideal breeding site conducive to an epidemic. The damaged trees attracted the beetles during the summer of 1963 and faded in 1964. The beetle populations remained high during the 1964 flight, resulting in significant losses by 1965. Thereafter, healthy, green trees resisted beetle attacks and the population dwindled to an endemic level.

Control Measures

Since most of the mortality occurs in old-growth stands, logging is recommended to minimize timber losses. To be effective, all merchantable infested trees should be logged and removed from the woods before July 1.

Direct control in sugar pine stands has not been recommended in Oregon because of the prevalence of blister rust.

Table 8.—Trend of mountain pine beetle infestations in sugar pine in Oregon by reporting area 1955-66 (In Acres)

Reporting Area ¹	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
Oregon:													
Deschutes N.F.						320				40	50	440	850
Fremont N.F.											1,640		1,640
Rogue River N.F.			160			120		160		490	130	1,200	2,260
Siskiyou N.F.										1,030	4,110	300	5,440
Umpqua N.F.						40						70	110
Winema N.F.											20	360	380
Coos-Douglas District										4,600	160		4,760
Total	0	0	160	0	0	480	0	160	0	6,160	6,110	2,370	15,440

¹ N.F., National Forest; District, State ownership.

Table 9.—Extent and estimated volume of sugar pine killed by the mountain pine beetle in Oregon by reporting unit 1955-661

Reporting Area ²	Light		Moderate		Heavy		Very Heavy		Total	
	Acres	Volume	Acres	Volume	Acres	Vol- ume	Acres	Vol- ume	Acres	Volume
Oregon:										
Deschutes N.F.	530	26,880	320	59,616					850	86,496
Fremont N.F.	1,640	81,344							1,640	81,344
Rogue River N.F.	2,260	112,096							2,260	112,096
Siskiyou N.F.	5,080	251,968	360	67,068					5,440	319,036
Umpqua N.F.	110	5,456			C::				110	5,456
Winema N.F.	380	18,848							380	18,848
Coos-Douglas District	240	11,904	4,520	842,076					4,760	853,980
Total	10,240	508,496	5,200	968,760	0	0	0	0	15,440	1,477,256

¹ Estimated average tree: 30 in. d.b.h.; 112 ft. tall; 1,590 bd. ft./tree. ² N.F., National Forest; District, State ownership.

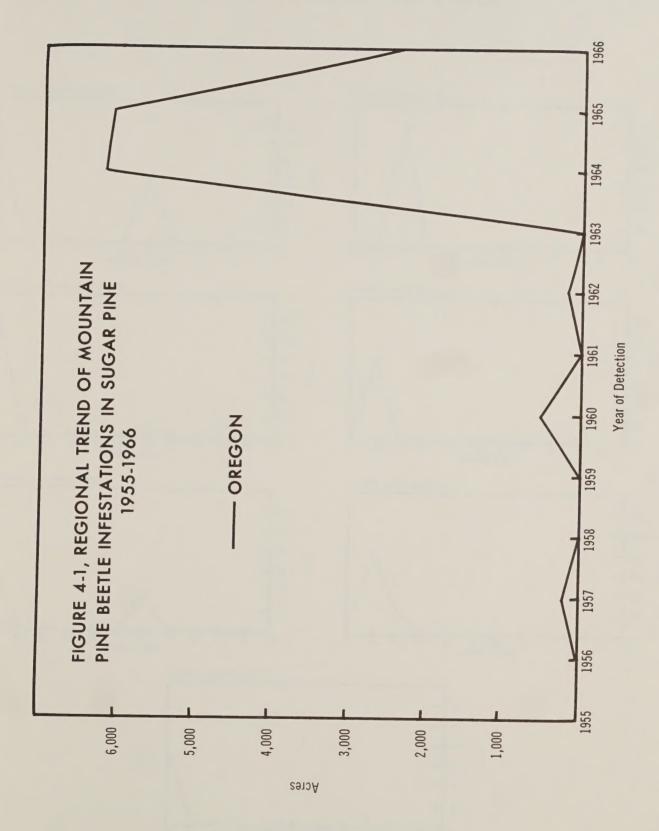


FIGURE 4-2, OREGON LANDS

